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Subject: Intermodel health risk.

Dear Mr. Marx,

We attended a workshop August 6th in Olathe, Ks. to get information on the Intermodel proposed for Gardner, Ks. We were shocked to learn that ACE was not doing a full Environmental Impact Statement and Health Risk Assessment for this project. We know you are receiving the information from the Aug. 6 meeting. How can the Corp ignore the facts from such a qualified panel and be willing to put the residents in Gardner, Johnson County as well as surrounding areas at such a large health risk? We are very disappointed that the Corp put "BIG BUSINESS" ahead of people you are supposed to protect. Of course BNSF is going to make it all sound wonderful to the residents. We know otherwise.

The speakers were scientists, environmental lawyers, and professors who work in the field of environmental health science. What is needed is a study done by qualified people such as these, not controlled or paid by BNSF, and should be made public. There are many flaws in the BSNF model.

The pollution to Hillsdale Lake is a big concern. We live close to the Intermodal site. We recently had over 6" of rain in 3 hours and question whether BNSF pools could make this run off water safe to enter Hillsdale Lake. Who will police the BSNF monitor system to insure safe water? We don't trust BNSF. Thousands of people depend on the lake for drinking water.

Are you aware that even the strong lights of BNSF give off pollution? We heard in the meeting how dangerous the particulate matter is and how it gets into the nose, lungs, blood and brain increasing cancer, alzheimer's disease, asthma, blood clots and other diseases.

We request that the Army Corps of Engineers do an Environmental Impact Statement and Health Risk Assessment for this project.

Concerned residents,

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